

The International Conference on Conservation and Sustainable Development of Coastal Wetland

沿海濕地保育與可持續發展國際會議

Forum on Conservation and Management of Coastal Wetland: Opportunities, Challenges and Way Forward

沿海濕地保育與管理：機遇、挑戰及前路 論壇

Coastal wetlands refer to wetlands in coastal watersheds, including salt marshes, freshwater marshes, seagrass beds, mangrove swamps and forested swamps. They provide clean drinking water, flood protection and sustainable fisheries. They are also the habitats for wildlife and biodiversity, and sites for sequestration and storage of blue carbon, very important in combating climate changes and global warming. However, with rapid development, urbanization and industrialization, as well as problems of erosion, subsidence, sea-level rise and drainage, the loss of coastal wetlands has become a global issue. How to protect and conserve coastal wetlands in rapidly developed cities is an urgent and important question to be answered. In China, this is an even more critical issue since i) we are in quick economic growth and development over the past three decades, especially in Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area (GBA); and ii) many of the human activities in China are along the coastal line. Striking the balance between conservation and development of coastal wetlands, particularly mangrove swamps which are the dominant wetlands along tropical and subtropical coastlines, is most challenging ever.

This Forum, part of the program of the *International Conference on Conservation and Sustainable Development of Coastal Wetland*, is timely and meaningful. The Forum aims to seek insights and expert views from different stakeholders, such as researchers / scientists / academics, government officials, green groups, etc. on the opportunities, challenges and solutions to conserve and proper manage of coastal wetlands.

Main themes of the Forum:

1. Scientific research: roles of academics, research funding and collaboration
2. From research scientific findings to management: policy making, management plan and strategy
3. Roles of green groups, publics and government officials in conservation of coastal wetlands

Moderator:

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Rundown of Banquet cum Panel Discussion

Grand Ballroom 1, L6, Royal Plaza Hotel, 193 Prince Edward Road West, Kowloon, Hong Kong
20 April, 2023

Time	Activity
18:30 – 19:00	Registration
19:00 – 20:00	Forum on Conservation and Management of Coastal Wetland: Opportunities, Challenges and Way Forward 沿海濕地保育與管理: 機遇、挑戰及前路 論壇 <i>Medium: biliteracy and trilingualism (兩文三語)</i>
20:00 – 22:00	Banquet

* *In the forum, guests from the floor will also be invited to express their views after panel members' sharing.*